



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Craters of the Moon National Monument & Preserve
P.O. Box 29
Arco, Idaho 83213

IN REPLY REFER TO:

2011 SCHOOL POLICY

Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve is an exceptional area to study volcanic geology and the plants and animals native to Idaho's high desert. Educators are encouraged to integrate this outdoor classroom into their curricula. Because most groups arrive at nearly the same time, we will take reservations on a first come, first served basis for ~150 students per day to eliminate conflicts between groups competing to utilize the same park sites. **Call 208-527-1335 to receive an educational fee waiver and reserve a field trip date: Winter Snow School, *Tue--Fri* Jan. 4th to Feb. 25th; Spring *Mon--Fri* April 18th (snow permitting) to May 27th; and Fall *Mon--Fri* Sept. 12th to Oct. 28nd. We will not be issuing educational fee waivers to any school groups who have not made a reservation and agreed to attend an orientation.**

Limitation on group size:

Groups are limited to less than 50 students at any one park site at one time for the safety of your students and protection of park resources. Larger groups are difficult to instruct in the confined viewing areas and along narrow trails common to our outdoor sites and students have difficulty staying on the trails and within view of responsible adults. Stepping off trail can result in noticeable impacts to park features. Groups over 55 also exceed the fire safety capacity of our visitor center.

Environmental Concerns:

To model energy conservation we suggest limiting support vehicles to one per bus. Please bring trash bags to sort plastic, glass, aluminum and steel cans when you have lunch. Have students place the material to be recycled in the recycle bins at the campground on the way out of the park. Only put garbage in the waste bins at parking lots.

Requirement of adequate supervision:

Schools should provide at least ***one adult (teacher or parent) to supervise for each 10 students that they bring***. Educational, resource, and safety concerns are all served by providing good supervision. If students have brought money to spend in the bookstore, chaperones must be in attendance. Students without money should not be handling the merchandise. The visitor center museum has a fire safety capacity of 55. If you choose to bring students into the museum they must be quiet and respectful of other visitors, otherwise they will be asked to leave.

Curriculum Materials:

There are a variety of field trip activity guides available on our web site:

(www.nps.gov/crmo/forteachers/curriculummaterials.htm). We strongly encourage educators to utilize these resources to prepare, guide, and reflect upon a visit to this special place.

Help us help you:

One of our highest priorities is to provide a quality educational experience for visiting school groups. Teachers are encouraged to contact us and discuss how we can most effectively accomplish this goal. If you have questions or suggestions, please contact Doug Owen, Education Specialist (208-527-1331).

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